

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method of displaying type to be displayed on an output device comprised of  
2 the steps of:  
3 decomposing a glyph to be displayed into constituent pieces;  
4 adding a characteristic to at least one constituent piece of said glyph;  
5 reconstructing said glyph by combining said at least one constituent  
6 piece of said glyph with other constituent pieces of said glyph.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said step of adding a characteristic to at least  
2 one constituent piece of said glyph includes the steps of:  
3 adding an addressable color to said at least one constituent piece of  
4 said glyph.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of adding a characteristic to at least  
2 one constituent piece of said glyph includes the steps of:  
3 adding a texture to said at least one constituent piece of said glyph.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of adding a characteristic to at least  
2 one constituent piece of said glyph includes the steps of:  
3 adding a pattern to said at least one constituent piece of said glyph.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1 further comprised of the step of:  
2 smoothing intersections of said constituent pieces of said glyph after  
3 reconstructing said glyph by combining said at least one constituent piece of  
4 said glyph with other constituent pieces of said glyph.
- 1 6. A method of electronically distributing copyrighted printed material so as to  
2 inhibit unauthorized copying comprised of the steps of:  
3 decomposing at least a portion of the text of said copyrighted printed  
4 material into glyphs;

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- 5 adding a color characteristic to at least some of the constituent pieces
- 6 of the glyphs of said portion of the text of said copyrighted printed material;
- 7 reconstructing said glyphs of said portion of the text of said
- 8 copyrighted material by combining said at least some of the constituent pieces
- 9 of the glyphs of said portion of the text of said copyrighted printed material.

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